

**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA**  
**MINUTES**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Arthur Campbell room.

Jeff Johnson, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**1. Roll Call – Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning**

**Members Present:**

Jeff Johnson, Chair  
Cindy Patterson  
Andrew Neese  
Byrum Geisler

**Members Absent:**

Michael Weaver

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Johnson noted that there were two (2) sets of minutes for HPRB to approve. The meetings were held on October 4, 2017 and December 6, 2017.

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Geisler, the HPRB members approved the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting and the December 6, 2017 meeting as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Geisler</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Neese</b>	<b>Abstain (not in attendance at either meeting)</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3. Application for Tax Abatement Request for Byrum Geisler.**

**\*\* Mr. Geisler came down from the dais to comment on his request. Mr. Geisler gave a description of the repairs he had done on his property at 228 East Main Street, Abingdon,**

VA. Mr. Geisler noted there were no new additions and all work had been previously approved by the HPRB.

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Neese, HPRB members approved the request for tax abatement as presented by property owner, Byrum Geisler and referred the form to the Town Manager for his review and approval.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Geisler</b>	<b>Abstain (property owner)</b>
<b>Mr. Neese</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>

*Mr. Geisler returned to the dais.*

#### **4. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Edison Jennings**

Mr. Johnson commented that applicant, Edison Jennings, was not present for the discussion. HPRB members agreed to discuss the request in his absence. Mr. Johnson noted that the request involved the installation of a gravel driveway on Mr. Jennings' property but commented that there is currently a shared driveway between property owners Edwards and Jennings. Mr. Boswell noted that the two owners were involved in a legal matter over property. Mr. Johnson noted that the driveway would come in off Plum Alley and there was a significant slope it would follow. Discussion ensued regarding the driveway materials, landscaping and the impact on the utilities in the area.

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney inquired about the location of the proposed driveway being across the property from the shared driveway that is the subject of an ongoing legal matter. Mr. Boswell confirmed that the town's Public Works Department would have to approve the proposed driveway prior to construction.

Councilman Humphreys inquired about landscaping around the driveway and referenced a plan for Plum Alley that was discussed many years ago.

**On motion of Mr. Neese, seconded by Mr. Geisler, the application for Edison Jennings Certificate of Appropriateness was approved as submitted subject to his use of brown pea gravel as indicated in Section 8(a) of our Ordinance and with a recommendation that Mr. Jennings work with town regarding plantings around the new driveway.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Geisler</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Neese</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Johnson</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

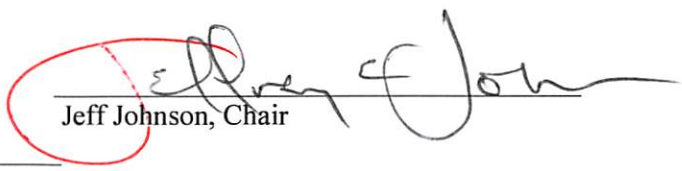
Mr. Johnson commented that he had discussion items to mention to the board. The first item was the draft of an Ordinance to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Appendix B – Zoning Ordinance – Article 8 – OH Old and Historic District – Section 8-6 through Section 8-8 Board of Architectural Review. Mr. Boswell summarized the proposed Ordinance changes noting that the most significant change was renaming the board Historic Preservation Review Board. Discussion ensued and members agreed they would like to see the Ordinance again with the modifications highlighted and discuss it in detail at the February meeting. Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney commented that the proposed Ordinance would affect the composition of the board to remove the stipulation that a Council member must serve on the board.

Mr. Geisler left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Johnson commented that questions had been raised about the type of standing seam roof that was installed on rental property belonging to Mike Edwards and located on East Main Street across from The Tavern Restaurant. Councilman Humphreys reported he was at the meeting where the HPRB approved Mr. Edwards' roof and it was approved for standing seam. Mr. Humphreys said that the roof Mr. Edwards' put on was not standing seam. Discussion ensued regarding how standing seam is installed, the different types of standing seam and striations in the metal. Mr. Johnson commented on the standing seam definition in the HPRB guidelines. After lengthy discussion, Board members agreed to discuss this matter again at the February meeting. Mr. Humphreys asked if a definition of standing seam could be obtained from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jason Boswell, Interim Dir. of Planning

  
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Jeff Johnson, Chair